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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF SELECTED MAAGS

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1. I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF AUGUST 17 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ODUBER TO DISCUSS PENDING TERMINATION OF MILGRP, COSTA RICA. MY PRESENTATION, WHICH FOLLOWED LINES OF PARA 4 REFTTEL, ENDED WITH OBSERVATION THAT TERMINATION OF MILGRP SHOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE RELATIONSHIP WITH COSTA RICA; THOSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE MATTERS NOW HANDLED BY MILGRP WOULD IN FUTURE BE HANDLED BY MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES ASSIGNED DIRECTLY TO MY STAFF. ODUBER, WHO IN PAST HAS CITED DWINDLING PROJECTION OF U.S. POWER AS CAUSE OF POLITICAL AND SECURITY PROBLEMS IN HEMISPHERE AND WORLD, WAS UNPERTURBED BY NEWS OF MILGRP TERMINATION. HOWEVER, HE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT IN THE FUTURE SECURITY ASSISTANCE MATTERS WOULD BE CHanneLED THROUGH EMBASSY STAFF.

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2. LATER IN THE DAY I HAD OPPORTUNITY TO GO OVER SAME

GROUNDS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALO FACIO. HE ALSO
ACCEPTED NEWS CALMLY BUT EXPRESSED RELIEF AND SATISFACTION
THAT THERE WOULD BE CONTINUING USG SECURITY ASSISTANCE STAFF IN
COSTA RICA.

3. I HAVE INSTRUCTED MILGRP COMMANDER TO BRIEF MINISTER
OF PUBLIC SECURITY MARIO CHARPENTIER ON THIS MATTER UPON
LATTER'S RETURN FROM CONDECA MEETING IN NICARAGUA. I
FULLY EXPECT THAT CHARPENTIER WILL REACT IN SAME MANNER
AS PRESIDENT ODUBER AND FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO.
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